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1. ACCORDING TO FONOFF (TOGO, 1ST EAST EUROPE DIVDIR)
SOVIETS WERE AS TOUGH AS EXPECTED DURING FIRST WEEK OF
FISHERIES TALKS. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF, TOGO SAID
JAPANESE TABLED THREE-POINT PROPOSAL FEBRUARY 15
TO ESTABLISH JOINT FISHERIES COMMISSION AND PRESCRIBE
AREAS OF FISHERIES COOPERATION IN ADDITION TO REGULATING
SALMON FISHING ON HIGH SEAS (REFTEL). SOVIETS EXPRESSED
INTEREST IN TWO ANCILLARY ASPECTS OF JAPANESE PROPOSAL,
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BUT COUNTERED JAPANESE POSITION ON SALMON WITH PROPOSAL
FOR TOTAL BAN.

2. JAPANESE DO NOT AT THIS POINT EXPECT SOVIETS TO
MAINTAIN THEIR POSITION RE TOTAL BAN, WHICH ACCORDING
TO TOGO IS COUCHED IN TERMINOLOGY AS VAGUE AS IT IS
SWEEPING. HE SAID JAPANESE HOPED TO ELICIT FROM

SOVIETS MORE PRECISE, AND MORE LIBERAL, DEFINITION OF PROPOSED BAN. IF SOVIETS INDICATED READINESS TO MOVE TOWARD MORE LIBERAL DEFINITION, TOGO THOUGHT, TALKS HAD GOOD CHANCE OF SUCCEEDING. IF SOVIET INFLEXIBILITY CONTINUED, JAPANESE WOULD NOT BE INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING JOINT COMMISSION OR PROSPECTS FOR FISHERIES COOPERATION AND GOJ DELEGATION WOULD RETURN TO TOKYO. TOGO FELT THAT TWO OR THREE MORE MEETINGS WOULD BE REQUIRED TO ASCERTAIN SOVIET ATTITUDE AND "GET TO STARTING POINT."

3. IN CONVERSATION WITH FISHATT, SENIOR ADVISOR AT FISHERIES AGENCY (YONEZAWA) ALSO SAID GOJ EXPECTED SALMON QUOTA TO BE GRANTED BEFORE NEGOTIATIONS CONCLUDE, PROBABLY SOMETIME IN APRIL. HE THOUGHT SOVIETS WANTED RECOGNITION OF "PARENT STREAM PRINCIPLE" BY JAPAN, AFTER WHICH THEY WOULD PROVIDE QUOTA. YONEZAWA ALSO REMARKED THAT SOVIET FISHERIES MINISTER ISHKOV HAD INDICATED TO JAPANESE, BOTH FORMALLY AND INFORMALLY, THAT QUOTA WOULD BE GIVEN TO JAPAN THIS YEAR.
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